

SENATE BILL 812

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By: **Senator Zirkin**

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Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Blue Ribbon Commission on Maryland Transportation Funding – Uniform**
3 **Process for Local Priorities**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Blue Ribbon Commission on Maryland
5 Transportation Funding to identify the transportation priorities of local
6 jurisdictions, to receive input from citizens and elected officials concerning the
7 transportation priorities of local jurisdictions, and to compare and evaluate
8 certain transportation priorities of local jurisdictions; and generally relating to
9 the Blue Ribbon Commission on Maryland Transportation Funding.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
11 Chapter 525 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2010
12 Section 1

13 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
14 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

15 **Chapter 525 of the Acts of 2010**

16 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
17 MARYLAND, That:

18 (a) There is a Blue Ribbon Commission on Maryland Transportation
19 Funding.

20 (b) The Commission shall review, evaluate, and make recommendations
21 concerning:

22 (1) the current State funding sources and structure of the Maryland
23 Transportation Trust Fund;

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (2) short- and long-term transit construction and maintenance
2 funding needs;

3 (3) short- and long-term highway construction and maintenance
4 funding needs;

5 (4) short- and long-term pedestrian and bicycle facility construction
6 and maintenance funding needs;

7 (5) options for public-private partnerships, including partnerships
8 with local governments, to meet transportation funding needs;

9 (6) the structure of regional transportation authorities and the ability
10 of these authorities to meet transportation needs in various regions of the State;

11 (7) the impact of economic development and smart growth on
12 transportation funding; [and]

13 **(8) A UNIFORM PROCESS TO:**

14 **(I) IDENTIFY THE TRANSPORTATION PRIORITIES OF THE**
15 **LOCAL JURISDICTIONS;**

16 **(II) RECEIVE MEANINGFUL INPUT CONCERNING**
17 **TRANSPORTATION PRIORITIES IN THE LOCAL JURISDICTIONS FROM CITIZENS**
18 **OF THE JURISDICTIONS AND STATE AND LOCAL ELECTED OFFICIALS**
19 **REPRESENTING THE JURISDICTIONS; AND**

20 **(III) COMPARE AND EVALUATE THE LOCAL**
21 **TRANSPORTATION PRIORITIES AMONG THE LOCAL JURISDICTIONS IN THE**
22 **STATE; AND**

23 **[(8)] (9)** options for sustainable, long-term revenue sources for
24 transportation.

25 (c) The Commission shall be composed of the following members:

26 (1) (i) two members of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the
27 President of the Senate; and

28 (ii) two members of the House of Delegates, appointed by the
29 Speaker of the House; and

30 (2) the following members appointed by the Governor:

31 (i) the Secretary of Transportation;

- 1 (ii) the Secretary of Budget and Management;
- 2 (iii) the Secretary of Business and Economic Development;
- 3 (iv) the Secretary of Planning;
- 4 (v) a representative of the Washington Metropolitan Transit
5 Authority;
- 6 (vi) three representatives from the business community,
7 including two representatives of statewide or regional organizations;
- 8 (vii) two representatives of the transit community;
- 9 (viii) two representatives of the environmental community,
10 including one representative with a background in smart growth;
- 11 (ix) a representative of the American Automobile Association;
- 12 (x) a representative of the freight rail industry;
- 13 (xi) a representative of the motor carrier industry;
- 14 (xii) two representatives of the Maryland Association of Counties;
- 15 (xiii) a representative of the transportation construction industry;
- 16 (xiv) two representatives of the Maryland Municipal League;
- 17 (xv) two representatives of labor unions; and
- 18 (xvi) two representatives of rural areas in the State.

19 (d) The Governor shall designate the chair of the Commission after
20 consultation with the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House.

21 (e) To the extent practicable, the presiding officers and the Governor shall
22 attempt to ensure regional, economic, ethnic, and gender diversity on the Commission.

23 (f) A member of the Commission:

24 (1) may not receive compensation as a member of the Commission; but

25 (2) is entitled to reimbursement of expenses under the Standard State
26 Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.

1 (g) The Department of Transportation shall provide staff support to the
2 Commission.

3 (h) On or before January 1, 2011, the Commission shall submit an interim
4 report of its findings and recommendations to the Governor and, subject to § 2-1246 of
5 the State Government Article, the General Assembly.

6 (i) On or before November 1, 2011, the Commission shall submit a final
7 report of its findings and recommendations to the Governor and, subject to § 2-1246 of
8 the State Government Article, the General Assembly.

9 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
10 June 1, 2011.